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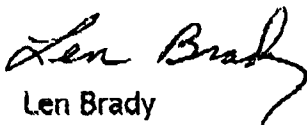
Dear Boundary Commission,

I am writing to request that you seriously consider this request to delay your decision to force establishment of a borough here on Prince of Wales Island.

After reviewing the Application of Borough Incorporation Standards it becomes quite obvious that much of the information pertaining to Thorne Bay is outdated and needs to be corrected to reflect the current situation. We no longer have a viable timber industry and the income from fishing is greatly reduced and undependable. Most of us, except for those employed by various Government agencies, are struggling to maintain ourselves and our homes and could not take on the support of an additional layer of government at this time.

There may be a time in the near future when a borough may be appropriate but that time certainly is not now. Perhaps a better solution would be consolidation of schools and other social projects before adding more government. I'm sure there are other areas that should be looked at to reduce expensive operating costs before placing our homes and property at risk to support these projects.

Thank you for your time.



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